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Sir:

In response to the Final Official Action of July 21, 2006, in which a three-month shortened statutory period for response was set to expire on October 23, 2006 (October 21, 2006 being a Saturday), Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections set forth in the above-mentioned Final Official Action in view of the herein contained amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this Response.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this Response.